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"AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS TO ESTABLISH OR EXPAND AFFORDABLE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG PROGRAMS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2007, the
4 Department of Public Health shall, within available appropriations
5 and in consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection and
6 the Attorney General, survey existing companies that offer to import
7 drugs from Canada and Europe to consumers in Connecticut.

8 (b) On or before February 1, 2007, the Department of Public Health
9 shall, within available appropriations, publish, on its Internet web site
10 and in written form, a publication on importing drugs to Connecticut
11 consumers. The publication shall (1) describe the current legal status of
12 drug importation and the potential safety risks associated with

13 importation, based upon the report issued by the Prescription Drug
14 Importation Advisory Committee dated March 10, 2006, (2) contain a
15 list of existing drug importation programs available to consumers that
16 offer the highest degree of safety to consumers, and (3) specify the
17 standards used by the Department of Public Health to determine the
18 safety level of any drug importation program listed in the publication,
19 which standards shall include, but shall not be limited, to (A) the level
20 and quality of inspection of foreign pharmacies, (B) the type of drugs
21 that the program imports, and (C) the program's available record of
22 safety and reliability."